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2 EXPLOSIONS ROCK JERUSALEM

Houses Blown Up

ARAB ATTACK ON JEWISH COLONY REPULSED

Jerusalem, Mar. 9.—Two heavy explosions rocked Jerusalem tonight. The first was followed by heavy gunfire. The initial explosion was in the Arab-populated Katamon area of the city. The firing which followed was from automatic weapons and was accompanied by smaller explosions, believed to be caused by hand grenades.

The first explosion rattled windows over several miles. The second explosion shook the whole district.

Tracer bullets streaked across the night sky over the southern sections of the city, which included the district of Mokor Haim, where have been the scenes of intermittent fighting.

First reports indicated that three-cent mortars had been brought into action. Police armoured cars were rushed to the area.

According to Jewish sources, two or three houses had been blown up in the Katamon area.

Haganah Radio reported tonight that a Jew attempted to plant a bomb inside the Arab Moslem stronghold of Nablus, 40 miles north of Jerusalem, but was caught and he and an Arab companion were killed.

Irgun Zvai Leumi headquarters, recently described as "misleading," the reports of a merger agreement between the forces of Irgun and Haganah, according to Jewish sources in Tel Aviv.

The announcement said: "The agreement, if ratified, will be an operational war agreement" and details will not be published even if ratified because publication would be useful to the British."—Reuter.

HEAVY FIGHTING

Jerusalem, Mar. 9.—Heavy gunfire and mortar fighting between Arab and Jewish Tel-Aviv shattered the predawn hours on Tuesday, and preliminary reports said that five Arabs and two Jews were killed.

The police had only sparse details. It is believed that the Arabs began attacking Tel-Aviv and Jews countered by trying to push into Jaffa.

Tuesday's deaths plus some others late Monday night raised the toll since partition to 1644, including 700 Jews, 807 Arabs, 103 British, three Americans and 22 others.

Later on Tuesday afternoon, in the no-man's-land of a southern Jerusalem suburb, a group of armed Arabs fired on and stopped a bus and drove it away to Arab headquarters. The bus was on its way to the nearby Jewish Mokor Haim quarter, Arab sources reported. The Jewish driver and several bus passengers

succeeded in escaping unharmed.—Associated Press.

ARABS DRIVEN BACK

Jerusalem, Mar. 9.—Several hundred Arab troops, creeping through the predawn fog, today assaulted a Haganah-ruled Jewish colony on the Jerusalem-Ramallah highway but were driven back after an eight-hour fight.

The Arabs used mortars and machine-guns, trying to penetrate the stone house Jewish settlement of Atarot, a short distance from the Arab chief Abd al-Kader Hussein's headquarters at Ramallah.

Haganah scouts who spotted the Arabs in the fog gave the alarm and Haganah troops withheld fire until the Arabs had crept to the fringe of the village. Then they let loose with a terrific barrage.

Arab casualties were not known. Haganah quarters said the scouts' forewarning prevented any element of surprise and no casualties were inflicted on their men.—United Press.

ARMOURED CAR STOLEN

Jerusalem, Mar. 9.—A police armoured car was stolen by armed Arabs from police workshops in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon, an official source said.

Earlier yesterday three incendiary bombs were thrown at vehicles with Jewish passengers on the Jerusalem-Jaffa road, but nobody was hurt.—Associated Press.

EVACUATION

Haifa, Mar. 9.—About 2,200 more British soldiers and civilians were evacuated from Palestine on Tuesday.

They boarded the steamship Sarafina, for the United Kingdom.

About 2,000 were troops of the famous Sixth Airborne Division.

Since the full-scale evacuation began on March 6 about 5,000 British have quit the Holy Land.

Another ship load is scheduled to sail on March 12 as Britain trims its security and administrative forces for the end of the mandate, May 15.—Associated Press.

PROPOSAL TO UN

Jerusalem, Mar. 9.—The Jewish Agency on Tuesday called its representatives to propose to the United Nations that a 32-member Jewish Council of Government be formed for Palestine's Jewish Area, under the United Nations agreement for the formation of such a council.

The Agency's recommendation was that the Council include all 12 agency executive members now in Palestine, 14 from Vaad Leumi and six others.

The political complexion recommended was for 14 left wingers, including one Communist, 10 Labour and three United Labour, which bears to the left of the Labour Party.

The other 18 would include five general Zionists, which are or the centre line politically and the rest from religious groups.—Associated Press.

PARTITION...UNACCEPTABLE

Baaghdad, Mar. 9.—If the British withdraw their troops from Palestine, "the Arabs will immediately take action to prevent continued bloodshed," Hamed Pachachi, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, declared here today.

The Arab and Moslem worlds could not accept the partition "at any price," he said.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S STAND

Lake Success, Mar. 9.—Britain advised the United Nations on Monday she would not permit formation of a Jewish or Arab militia in Palestine before British rule ends.

The UN Palestine Commission had asked Britain, as mandatory power for permission to start organisation of the two militias as provided for in the UN partition project.—Associated Press.

New Atomic Discovery

Berkeley, California, Mar. 9.—A new laboratory achievement—the manufacture of an atom particle known as a meson—was reported here today, and acclaimed as the greatest thing in atomic research since the discovery of uranium fission in 1939.

The manufacture of the meson, an atom particle as protons, electrons and neutrons are atom particles, was announced by Dr Ernest Lawrence, and Mr James B. Flish, Research Director of the United States Atomic Energy Commission.

The particles, which eventually may lead to atomic energy far greater than that within the atom bomb, were produced in the University of California's 4,000-ton cyclotron.

Dr Lawrence said the laboratory will give scientists their best tool for finding out just what particles there are in the nuclei of atoms.—Reuter.

Front-Line Soldier Still Important

Shinwell's House Of Commons Statement

London, Mar. 9.—The idea that the discovery of modern and more deadly weapons of warfare had destroyed the value of the army was disputed today by the War Minister, Mr Emanuel Shinwell.

"I believe this is a fallacy. Scientists may have produced weapons of mass destruction but none which so far obviates the need for fighting on land," he declared.

"The idea that in a future war all that is required is to press a button and that land forces are superfluous in the possession of my Department, and it may prove dangerous for this country to rely upon any such assumption."

Mr Shinwell was opening a debate in the House of Commons on the Army Estimates, which provide for a net expenditure in the coming financial year of £305 million—£98 million less than in the current year.

NOT IN CONFLICT

The commitments of the British Army overseas did not conflict with our wish to spare the horrors of another war nor did we seek, through conciliation and agreement, a lasting peace."

"We are compelled in this period of disturbance and confusion to seek effective measures to uphold the traditions of this nation, whose way of life, in spite of some defects, is well worth defending."

The true size of the Army on April 1 would be 527,000. In a year's time, it would be 339,000.

Since the end of the war in Europe, 2,645,000 men had been released from the Army. By the end of next March, it was hoped to build up the regular army—the long-service army—excluding conscripts—to about 200,000 men.

If war should occur in the future, Britain could not hope to gain a breathing space in which to build up and train her land forces.

SHOCK WILL BE SHARP

"The shock will be sharp and sudden," Mr Shinwell declared.

Consequently, a steady flow of trained and disciplined men was needed for the Territorial Army, which would be composed of volunteers and men who had served as yeomen as national service men (conscripts).

This Territorial Army must, on the outbreak of war, be able to provide for the bulk of Britain's anti-aircraft and coast defences, the necessary reinforcements for the defence of ports and airfields, and also with a field force properly balanced and complete with its modern technical units for service wherever it might be required.

Refuelling Feat

Shannon Airport, Eire, Mar. 9.—A British Overseas Airways freight-carrying Liberator was refuelled at a height of 18,000 feet over the Atlantic today, claimed to be the greatest height at which refuelling in the air has ever been carried out.

Eight hundred and fifty gallons of petrol were transferred during the operation, which took place hundreds of miles offshore.—Reuter.

Eleven hundred and forty gallons of petrol were transferred during the operation, which took place hundreds of miles offshore.—Reuter.

GRIM POSSIBILITY OF HUNGER AND NO WORK

Cripps' Warning

London, Mar. 9.—Sir Stafford Cripps, Director of Britain's economy, laid before his country today the "excessively grim" possibility of hunger and unemployment unless United States aid is approved by Congress.

In a 30,000 word survey for 1948 he listed imports of food and vital raw materials only until the end of June. He said for later months "they have not been finally decided."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said emergency schemes for slushing food and other purchases are already being considered if Marshall Plan aid fails to arrive. Plans are also being considered for making the most of the money if it becomes available.

Cripps did not go into details about the plans, but said, "Preparations are being made for either eventuality."

Sir Stafford Cripps, prophesied:

"Somewhat reduced" standard of living for the British people even with the help of Marshall Plan funds.

The survey disclosed that because foreign markets are becoming "saturated" with goods, the Government has slashed its 1948 export target by 10 per cent.

LACK OF STEEL

Lack of steel also will curtail export goods.

The number of jobless will rise from the end of 1947—figure of 400,000 to 450,000, the paper said, but withdrawals of £220,000,000 are planned for the first half of this year.

The White Paper predicted that if there were no marked increase in production of textile goods a reduction would be made in the present clothing ration.

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MINIMUM IMPORTS

Imports from hard currency areas of foods and raw materials will be kept to a minimum but food purchases in "softer" markets is planned to give variety to the diet.

Wood imports, the survey said, have already been reduced to the point which "severely reflects" the building programme.

Britain began 1948 with gold and dollar reserves of about £680,000,000, the paper said, but withdrawals of £220,000,000 are planned for the first half of this year.

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MacArthur

For President

Campaign

British Note

To Guatemala

Washington, Mar. 9.—The campaign to elect General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Tokyo, to be President of the United States, swung into action here today, after the general's announcement of his willingness to run.

General MacArthur's statement yesterday offers hope and courage to the United Nations Court, she should desist from a policy which can only be an impediment to good relations between the two countries.

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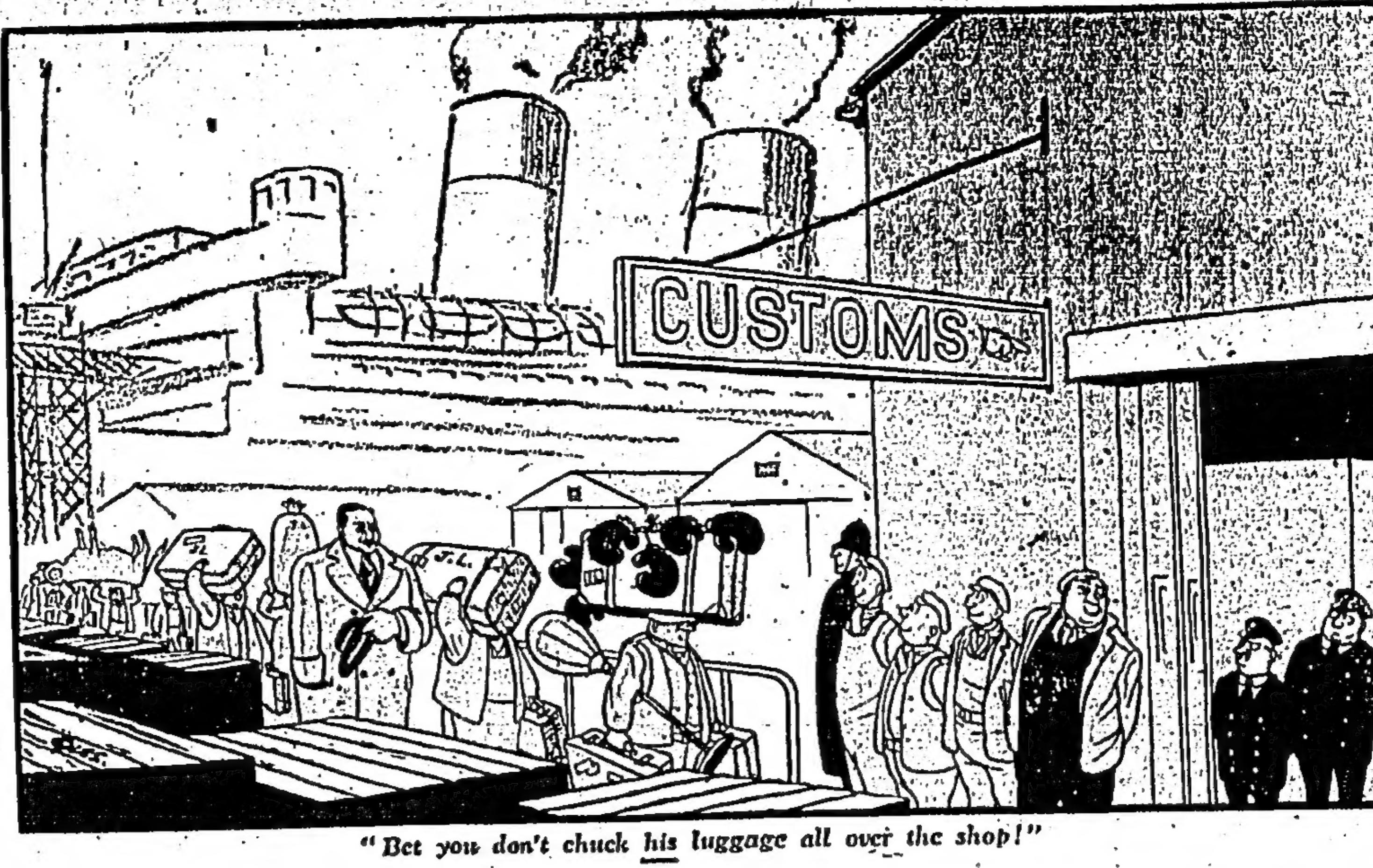
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Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

YOUR Uncle Nat may consider himself fortunate that he is over age for industrial registration. Otherwise he would either have to choose, or be directed to, the mines, the factories, or the fields, or prove, as a professional scribbler, that he is "gainfully occupied, spending 30 hours a week writing with the intention of selling."

That is the official definition of writing, which goes to show how much officials know about the business.

As all officials regard the rest of the population as a lot of liars (and are usually right), it must be assumed that to avoid the call-up a writer would have to provide proof that he was working 30 hours a week with the intention of selling.

Therefore, in order to provide proof to satisfy the official mind, there would have to be an official witness, either sitting by the writer's desk with a stop-watch in one hand, and a nice hot cup of coco in the other, or standing outside a locked study door waiting to release the writer when his shift was finished.

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If this writer happened to be your Uncle Nat, the official would probably have a nervous breakdown before the end of the first week of snooping.

He would arrive, say, at nine on Monday morning, and if anybody took any notice of his knockings and ringings by ten he would be told that your Uncle never works on Mondays.

When he called on Tuesday he would be told that your Uncle never works on Tuesdays.

He would get the same information on Wednesday.

On Thursday they would tell him, yes, the funny Uncle works on Thursdays, because he has to, his deadline being Friday morning.

He would find the funny Uncle at the top of the house in a fitful temper and probably in bed reading the papers.

Working day

WHEN the fool entered the room at the top of the house he would find it just like that.

The funny Uncle would be in bed reading the papers while Lottie the devil cat tore them to pieces as he read them—sometimes before he had a chance to read them.

The funny Uncle's filthy temper would not be improved by the presence of the official, who would be subjected to a storm of abuse, critical observations about his personal appearance, and even physical violence if he dared to answer back.

The official would then try to make his presence more bearable by adapting himself to the circumstances. He would snap his fingers and call "pretty pussy" to Lottie the devil cat, who would fly at the fingers and tear large pieces of flesh out of his legs.

If he rattled anything in his pocket she would fly at his trousers and tear pieces of flesh out of his legs.

NANCY Who's a Softy?



Working afternoon

THE funny Uncle would be back late from lunch.

The wounded official, his hands bandaged, would be sitting patiently by his desk waiting for the afternoon's work to begin, while Lottie, refreshed by grilled herring and milk, would be trying to get his trousers off.

Hardly believing his eyes, the dazed official would then see the funny Uncle removing his tie, jacket and trousers and getting back into bed.

A misunderstanding

THE visitors were shown into a large drawing-room, and as Mrs Wretch came in, the yammering died down, and Wugwell stepped forward.

"To what do I owe the pleasure?" Mrs Wretch began. Whereat the twelve dwarfs cheered lustily, waving their nondescript hats in the air.

The Trio joined in, and Anselmo produced a Union Jack from a clock. The cheering brought the Colonel hot-foot to the drawing-room. Thinking his wife was presenting a cup to some local football team, he added his voice to the uproar, which sent

In And Out Of Parliament

By Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

WITH the announcement of the plebiscite figures the issue between Mr Bevan and the doctors is fairly joined.

At present there is no indication of any concession to the intransigent doctors.

Mr Bevan, I understand, enjoys the unanimous support of his Cabinet colleagues, and his party is certainly behind him, as the vote made clear:

Frequently discussed is the parallel between the present dispute with the doctors and that of 1911.

In 1911, after much vigorous protesting, the great majority of the doctors joined the panel carried into law.

The University seats appear not to have a hope of survival. Indeed, I understand that this form of double franchise had not a single friend in the Cabinet.

As for the City of London, whose sheriffs provided us with a picturesque ceremony of protest last week, it may yet get a minor concession. Parliament may permit it to make a marriage of convenience with Westminster, instead of being forced into what it obviously regards as a miasma with Shoreditch and Finsbury.

Will the scorned lament? Certainly not.

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THERE may yet be some changes in the redistribution proposals of the Representation of the People Bill, but it is clear the Government intends to see the main features of the measure carried into law.

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MR R. G. MACKAY, member for N.W. Hull, is a backbench Labour M.P. worth watching.

From time to time I have heard him make speeches on a variety of subjects, and have never failed to be impressed by the quality of these efforts.

There are no literary or rhetorical graces about Mackay's speech, and very little emotion, but it is extremely effective.

He might, indeed, be likened to an able and fluent business executive, sure of himself, and right on top of his subject.

Will such a man get office? On ability I certainly think he should do so, but other factors necessarily enter into this question.

Mackay is quiet and reserved in manner, and not until one hears him does one appreciate his exceptional quality.

In an ideal political world—not this one—where merit was the only passport to office, his chances would be very good.

As things are they are highly speculative. Yet, as I have indicated, because his quality is uncommon he is worth watching.

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FROM Labour's standpoint the Paisley by-election result was eminently satisfactory.

Surprisingly so, indeed, since the figures are actually better than those of 1945.

The immediate consequence of Paisley has been the raising of hopes of winning North Croydon, where the intervention of Air Vice-Marshall Bennett as Liberal candidate makes that contest a much more open affair.

In Wigan the Communist candidate is confidently expected to make a contribution of his deposit to the national exchequer.

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THE all-party conference on Lords reform is now getting down to work. It is likely to encounter many snags.

One, for example, is that any change in the representation of Scottish peers will involve an amendment of the ancient Act of Union between England and Scotland.

But—gather—that on both sides the will to achieve something positive is strong.

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CHANCE encountered on a bus the other day brought me face to face with an old Parliamentary colleague in the person of the Rt. Hon. J.H. Thomas.

It had been a long time since I had last seen him, but I thought he looked extremely vigorous for the 76 years to which he confessed.

Optimism used to be, the strong suit of J.H.T., but I fear this is no longer the case. For us I got off the bus at Westminster, he pointed to the Houses of Parliament and said solemnly: "You are going to have a smash up there before long."

I hope the thought was not the child of a wish of our old colleague.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

Rebuff

DEAR Mr Mayor,

This is to tell you that no

daughter of mine and I have only

one going to play the fairy queen

or any other kind of queen in

the jolly good fellow's.

Then his eye

lighted on Wugwell, and the words

of the song stuck in his throat.

Rebuff

DEAR Mr Mayor,

This is to tell you that no

daughter of mine and I have only

one going to play the fairy queen

or any other kind of queen in

the jolly good fellow's.

The refrain goes—

Just canaan't seem to forget yew,

Honey, Ah'm kinda stale an' flat,

You're the biggest bubble in my

champagne.

In your little round wickerwork

hat,

Yours truly,

Alfred Slopcorner.

Synthesis

FOR purposes of publication, the

song, "The Little Round Wickerwork Hat," is called "You're the Biggest Bubble in My Champagne."

The refrain goes—

Honey, Ah'm kinda stale an' flat,

You're the biggest bubble in my

champagne.

Don't wait till you see this!

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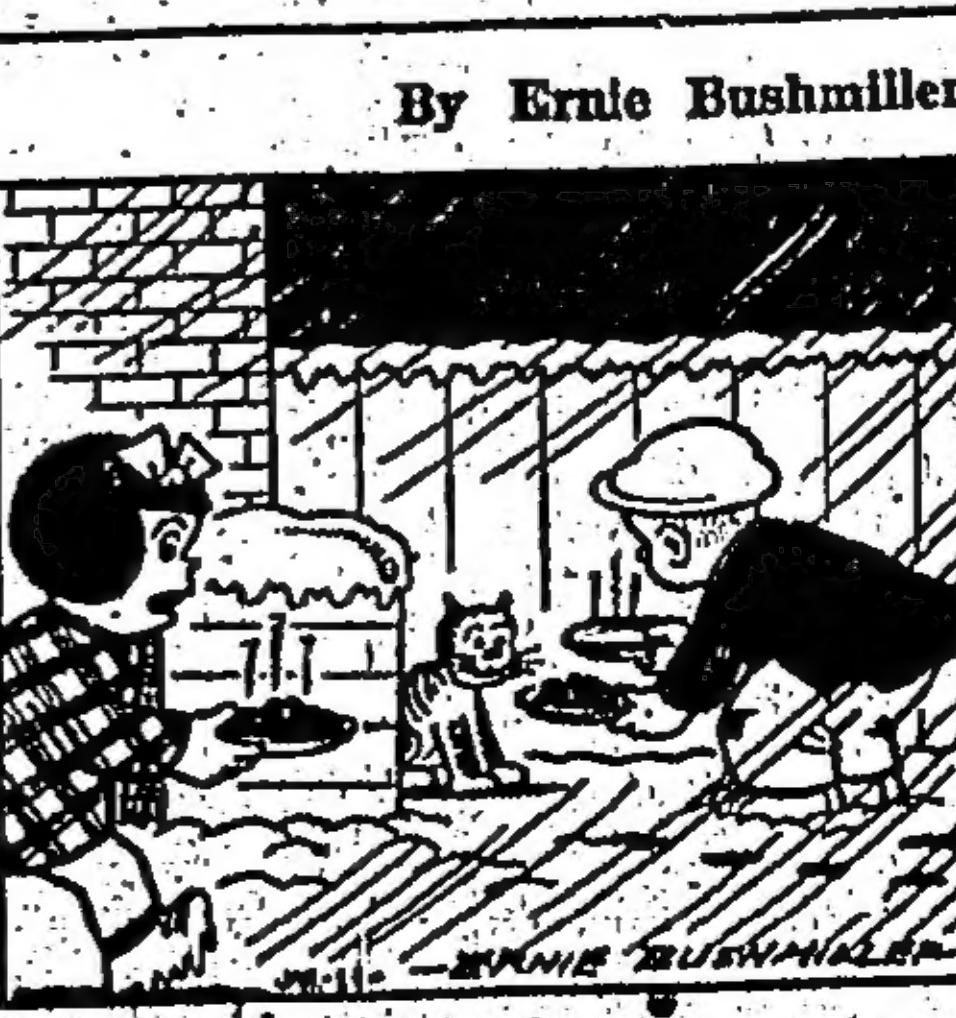
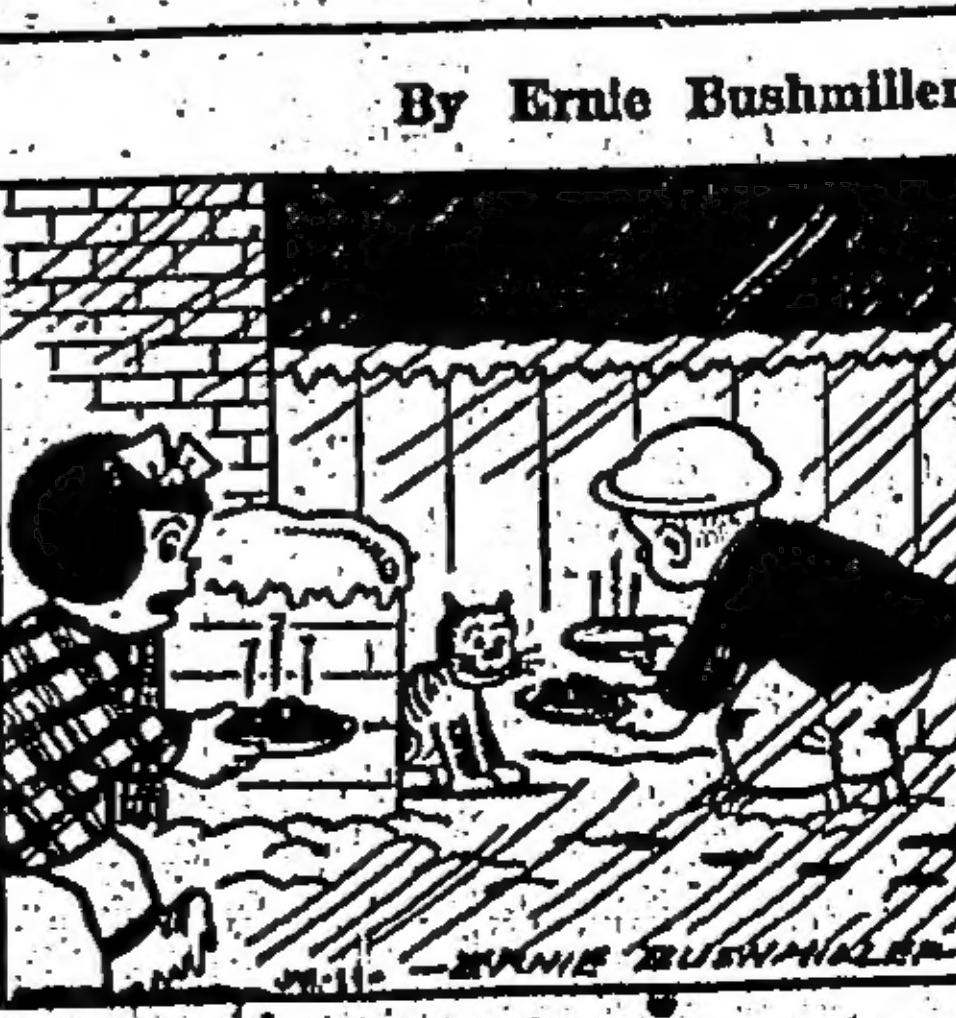
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DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that if you tie a band around your hair when you cleanse or make up, you will be able to reach right to the hairline and do a good job?

Do you know that a new makeup idea is to use pale, pale shades, whether or not you are very fair?

Do you know, too, that more rouge is being worn with this new "beauty doll" makeup?

Do you know that your old fur coat can be made into a stunning short cape?

Do you know that your old shoe buckles can now be worn on the now-in-fashion pumps?

Do you know that flat velvet bags can be decorated with any number of pins and that they are the smartest bags of the season?

SPRING LOOK

*Mimie Makay*
by GABRIELLE

The kind of powder that you choose is really important. Is it fine and flower-like? Heavy powder causes a "matte" look, so choose your powder carefully. This does not mean that it must be expensive. Some inexpensive powders are very finely milled.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I'm not saying that appliances you're selling won't pay for itself—but we haven't finished paying for the last gizmos we bought that pay for themselves!"

Behind Barbed-Wire
He Saw Shangri-la

The long queue in front of the American Red Cross soup kitchen opposite Frankfurt's half-demolished, six-century-old Liebfrauen church moved slowly in the light snowfall.

GEORGE IS
WORTH \$59
PER FOOT

Posed for Lois Leeds.

Do you know that a four-inch band of soft erinolene, sewed into your skirt hem, will make a circular skirt swing out like a costly model gown?

Do you know that only the young look attractive in ballerina skirts and ballet-type slippers?

Do you know that Pink will again make you beautiful this coming Spring?

Do you know that your old fur coat can be made into a stunning short cape?

Do you know that your old shoe buckles can now be worn on the now-in-fashion pumps?

Do you know that flat velvet bags can be decorated with any number of pins and that they are the smartest bags of the season?

THE values of zoo animals, like those of stocks and shares, are constantly fluctuating; and the manager's balance sheet can show both rises and falls.

Since, during 1947, animal values generally further increased, there will be some high figures to go before the London Zoo's auditors, writes a correspondent. In not a few cases they will find exhibits which, of recent years, have almost trebled their original purchase price.

A case in point is the giraffe, George.

George is one of the best "investments" the London Zoo ever made. Bought in 1935 for £302 from a dealer, this 17ft. giraffe is now worth fully £1,000.

The giraffe section of the London Zoo has, in fact, a higher value than ever before, for at Regent's Park and Whipsnade there are seven other specimens, all almost equally valuable.

LAMENT FOR
BROKEN
NEEDLES

Japan has just observed Hari-Kuyo day.

That is not a new democratic version of hari-kiri, but a straight-faced memorial service to comfort the spirits of needles broken during the year.

All over Japan, women and young girls held elaborate ceremonies in homes and schools—the same services they were holding for the unfortunate broken needles 1,000 years ago.

The idea is that a sewing needle is a living thing whose body has been sacrificed in service.

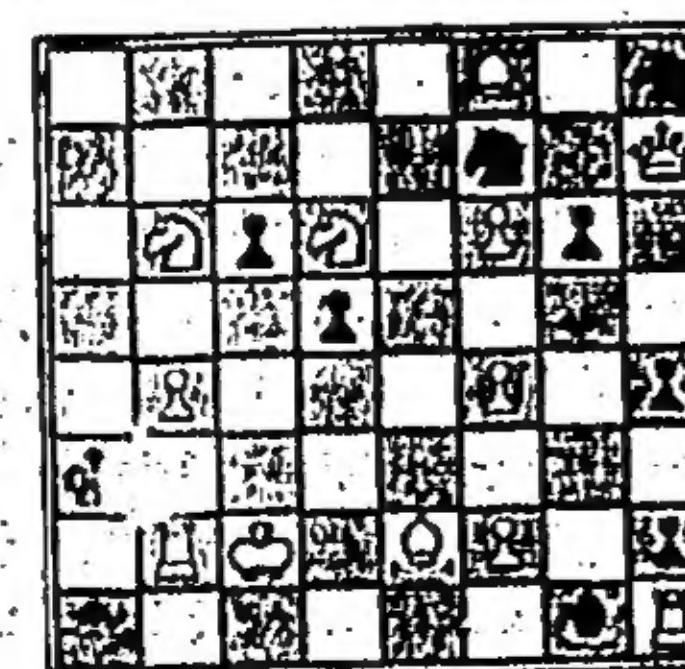
In one Tokyo girl's school, the Buddhist Shukutoku Joggaku, they set up an altar and strung the "sacred staff and rice rope" before it. On the top step of the altar they reverently placed offerings of fruit and cake. On the second step was set a plate of tofu, a bean-curd jelly.

In a solemn procession the students marched up and stuck their broken and twisted needles in the jelly, giving them a soft resting place after their hard work.

For a final touch, the priest intoned a Buddhist sutra to calm the spirits of the lamented needles.

CHESS PROBLEM

By O. VOTURKA



White, 12 pieces.
Black, 9 pieces.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-Kt4; threat, 2. R-KB4. 1... BXKt; 2. BXKt; 1... R-B7; 2. R-Q7; 3. Q-Q8; 4. B-B5; 2. R-Kt4; Kt7.

Rupert's Silver Trumpet—22

An old man with a long white beard stood patiently in the queue.

Very few recognised him as Nicholas Melnhardt, once world-famous art critic of the great liberal newspaper Frankfurter Zeitung, suppressed by Hitler.

When the Nazis came to power in 1933, Melnhardt was almost 70. Only his age saved him from the concentration camp. Since then he had lived by selling his treasured objects and his library.

But now there was nothing more to sell.

He got his soup, a piece of bread, ate it in a hurry, slowly began to walk home.

For old Herr Melnhardt "home" was the cellar of his 300-year-old house in the Old-Town.

Like most other houses there it had been demolished in an American air raid some time before Christmas, 1944.

Strange Idea

As he walked, Melnhardt had a strange idea. For many years he had written little stories about Frankfurt's past (he was the Ruskin of his town).

In the morning paper he read that Frankfurt may become the capital of Triztoria, the united British-American-French zones. It may be also the capital of a separate Western German State.

He read also that the great German architect, Dr Walter Gropius, a native of America for many years, had rebuilt Frankfurt.

Melnhardt decided to take a walk to see the ruins, but to look at them as they had been before.

He put his hands into his threadbare overcoat. His shabby shoes left black marks in the white snow as he went to his uncertain destination.

He was near "Round-up," the part of Frankfurt which had been spared most from the bombs.

Children Gassed

The Americans had thrown barbed-wire barricades around it, established themselves in its houses and public buildings.

It was an Americanised Frankfurt behind those barricades. Clean streets, well lit, warm and cosy restaurants for officers and men, night clubs, shops.

He came to a lonely street lamp. Near it was a niche formed by ruins. He sat down to rest. He had sat like this in front of many old Frankfurt buildings, getting inspiration from the ancient stones.

He smiled, took some paper and a pencil from his pocket, pondered for a moment, then began to write.

First he wrote he had waited for his soup and why he went for the stroll. An opinion of the Shangri-la in the American zone of Frankfurt followed.

Then, with old Gothic characters, he wrote his opinion that God had punished the Germans for their terrible deeds in World War II. "Mine," he wrote, "was a typical German family. Eight of my nephews were Nazis and four of my nieces served Hitler."

"Two of my cousins died in concentration camps, and the children of cousin Friedrich, who married a Jewess, were gassed in Auschwitz."

Punishment To Come

"But the punishment for all this is yet to come. Atomic bombs will rain down on Germany, torn into two halves. Families will never be reunited again, and Walter Gropius should do something more useful than to rebuild this city."

"Don't rebuild German cities, targets of the next war."

"Frankfurt was built in 1,000 years. Now she's finished. And Europe is also finished. Her old people will follow her old stones. There's no hope left for her."

Next morning people found him frozen to death.

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21. A much changed tennis creeper.
22. Begin the metric system. (8)
23. How different when I get a note. (9)

DOWN

1. He always opens the first equine. (6)

2. An unknown Indian tribe who

pledge for a start. (4)

3. This is where you mix up the

coffee. (6)

4. What can be made of idle coast.

5. Here you can actually see the sea go into fat. (6)

6. A written promise. (8)

7. Goodness. (6)

8. Nothing better. (4)

9. Animal. (6)

10. Slang, usually indicative of stale coffee. (6)

11. Possessive adjective. (8)

12. This clue is filled by a mere chance. (9)

13. There's help all round the broken R.A.F. (10)

14. A side to side. (6)

15. Breathing space. (4)

16. If this is long it's illegal. (4)

17. The lot has mired up. (6)

18. The author is dead. (6)

19. The author is dead. (6)

20. Medieval story. (6)

21. Never 0. (6)

22. Estimation. (6)

23. Never 0. (6)

24. Estimation. (6)

25. Never 0. (6)

26. Estimation. (6)

27. Never 0. (6)

28. Estimation. (6)

29. Never 0. (6)



Chennault's Plane Shot At

Washington, Mar. 9.—General Claire L. Chennault, the operator of the airline whose plane was attacked by two fighter planes with Russian Red Star markings on a flight from Mukden to Tsinan, said to-night he believed the fighters belonged to the Russian forces based at Port Arthur.

"No one has any reason to shoot at us," he said, adding that he had ordered his planes to continue their evacuation flights from Mukden.

"If the fighter planes were P-38s and bore Russian markings, they could not have been Chinese. The Chinese have no P-38s," he declared.

Asked whether the incident was connected with his trip to Washington to testify before a Congressional committee on proposed United States aid to China, General Chennault said: "I do not like to think it will not be reassuring to my pilots if they feel that the incident is the result of my being here."

"The Russians have no reason to object to the flights to and from Mukden. We are operating under the authority of the Chinese Government, over Chinese territory and are complying in every way with international law as related to such a service."

General Chennault said his planes had already evacuated about 3,000 persons from Mukden, and he hoped the operation would be completed shortly.—Reuter.

St Patrick's Society To Celebrate

The Committee of St Patrick's Society of Hongkong has made the following arrangements for the celebration of St Patrick's Eve and St Patrick's Day.

On St Patrick's Eve, March 16, a Dinner Dance will be held in "Grips," Hongkong Hotel, which will be preceded by cocktails. Dancing will be to the music of the "Grips" Orchestra and that of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, whose Pipers and Dancers will also be present.

Irish orchestral music and "Pipers" will be heard during Dinner, and this should create exactly the right atmosphere for some Irish Dances to be included in the programme later on in the evening, and especially for the climax—the distribution of Shamrock at midnight. Dancing will be from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., and a late ferry leaving Hongkong at 2.30 a.m. has been arranged for Kowloon residents.

On St Patrick's Day, March 17, at 9 a.m. the President of the Society, Mr. W. L. Bart Sparrow, in the presence of members will lay a wreath on the Cenotaph.

CENOTAPH CEREMONY

The Cenotaph Ceremony, will this year, be held in conjunction with a parade of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, whose Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. D. M. Shaw, D.S.O., M.C., will also lay a wreath. Music for the parade will be provided by the Regiment's Band whose Buglers will sound the Last Post and Reveille.

Members attending the Ceremony should assemble at the North side of the Supreme Court at 8.45 a.m. All members of the Society should have by now received full details of arrangements, but as the new register of members may not be complete, or as members may have failed to notify the Hon. Secretary of changes in address, any member who has not received this information is asked to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box No. 615.

Irish men and women in the Colony who are not members and who may wish to join the Society should also communicate with the Hon. Secretary.

Last year the Society held a more simple Dinner Dance, which was an extremely enjoyable event and proved to be an outstanding success. From the demand for invitations this year's function will undoubtedly be, as all friends and purposes, a revival of the St Patrick's Ball of pre-war days, which was one of the most enjoyable and important events in the social life of Hongkong.

This year the Society is extremely fortunate in that they have a famous Irish Regiment stationed in the Colony who will be joining with the Society and lending its support in the celebrating of Ireland's Patron Saint's Day, and it is more than likely that St. Patrick's Day, Mar. 17, and the "Cead milli failte" extended to guests will long be remembered.

World Trade Unionists Meet To Discuss European Recovery

London, Mar. 9.—Divisions within the international trade union movement must not prevent those who could agree from walking together on the path to European recovery, Miss Florence Hancock, the British chairman, told the international Trade Union Conference on the Marshall Plan here today.

Miss Hancock, who is Chairman of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, was speaking at the opening session of the Conference, which is being attended by representatives of most of the major trade union movements in Western Europe and the United States. She declared that they were meeting to "come to grips" with a situation created by the decision of the 16 European nations to participate in the promotion of economic recovery and the decision of other governments to pursue a different line of policy. The Conference approved credentials of 48 delegates from 20 union centres.

The rival American trade union groups—the Congress of Industrial Organisations and the American Federation of Labour—have both sent delegates.

Portugal, Turkey, Iceland and Greece are not represented. Other absences are the representatives of the official French and Italian national trade union organisations.

Extensive Precautions

Extensive precautions had been taken to ensure the privacy of the Conference delegates, who were taken quickly into Transport House, the British trade union headquarters, before the press or photographers could meet them.

The floor on which the Conference was held was cleared of all strangers.

All speakers at today's conference emphasised the importance of the labour and the trade union movements of Western Europe in the European recovery programme.

Two commissions of seven members each have been established. The first will prepare a general declaration of the aims of the Conference and the second will make recommendations about some form of continuing organisation.

M. Louis Major, of the Belgian Labour Federation, spoke for the Benelux national trade union centres. He hoped that the other countries represented at the conference would examine the initiative taken by the Benelux countries in the direction of a customs union.

Mr Frank Fenton, of the American Federation of Labour, who spoke also for the American Labour Executives Association, said they firmly believed the success of the recovery programme would depend largely on the Western European trade unions.

Advisory Committee

Mr Arthur Denkin, the British delegate and President of the World Federation of Trade Unions, said the trade unions of each of the participating countries should seek close association with their own governments in the administration of the recovery programme.

The present Conference should have to set up a trade union advisory committee to keep in touch with—and-to-inform—all the national centres about developments of the

DE VALERA THINKS UNO IS DOOMED

New York, Mar. 9.—Eamon de Valera, former Prime Minister of Eire, thinks the United Nations Organisation is doomed to failure.

The former President of the League of Nations told a press conference in New York today that he does not see how UNO can succeed, because "nobody can have any confidence" in it.

He warned that "the world is racing towards a third world war." De Valera, visiting the United States at the invitation of Irish-American organisations to take part in St Patrick's Day celebrations, said he thought the League of Nations had far more promise than the United Nations.

Denying a report that he had come to America to arouse sentiment against the partition of Ireland, De Valera added: "However, if my presence here should arouse any support against partition, I shall be glad."

He will pay a courtesy call on President Truman at the White House tomorrow.—Associated Press

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

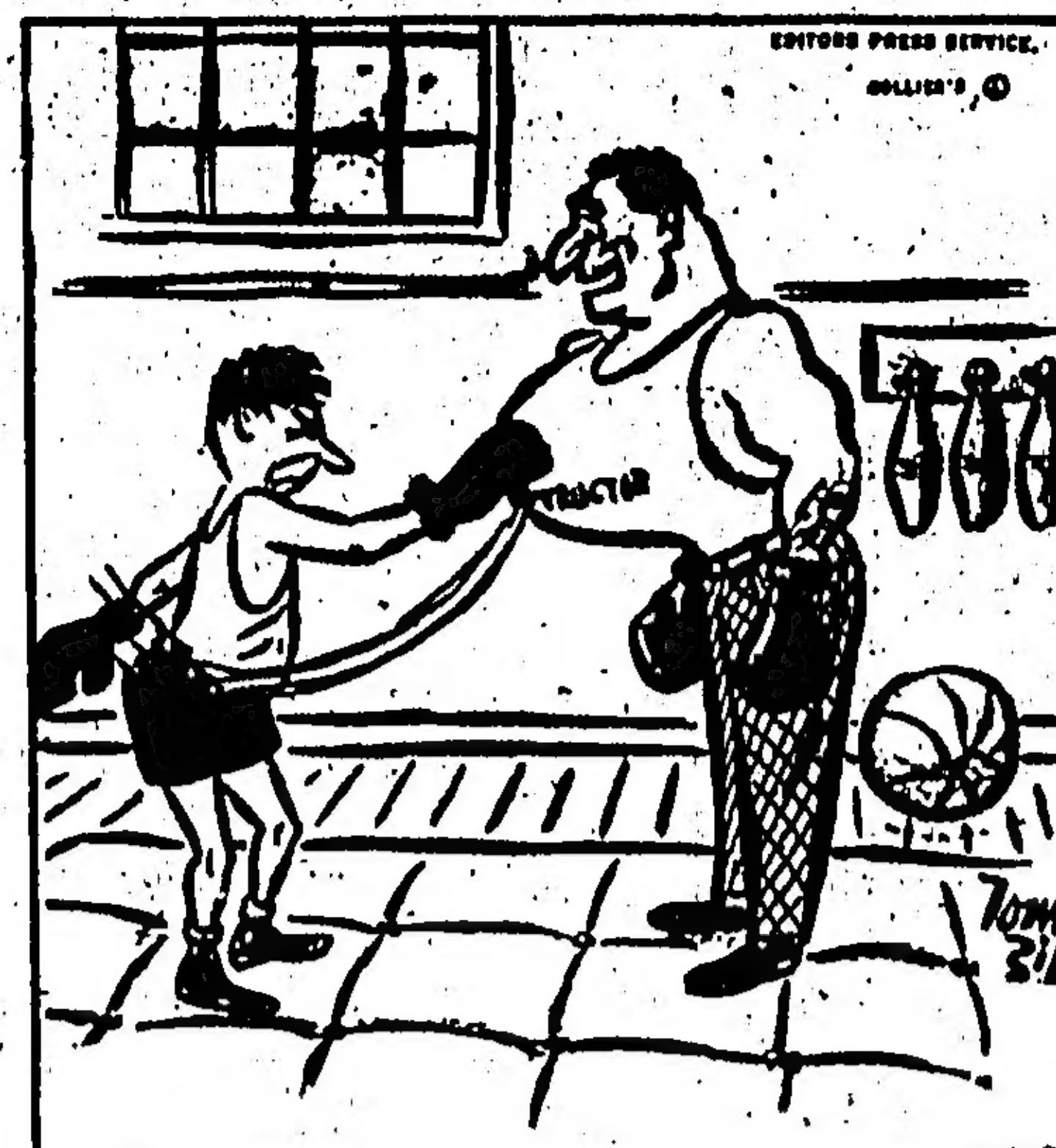
Answers

1. Thanksgiving Day, 1893, at Chicago, Illinois.
2. Dorothy Thompson, newspaper columnist, from whom he was divorced in 1942.
3. China.
4. The moon.
5. The Pennsylvania Station, New York City.

JAB AND PLOUNDER



—by Water



"That's more like it, Mr. Simpson—I think I felt it that time."

WHY BENES ACCEPTED GOTTWALD'S CABINET

BY PAVEL TIGRID

Munich, Mar. 9.—At last I am able to reveal what happened when Czechoslovakia's political crisis was at its height, and why President Benes was forced to accept the appointment of a Communist-dominated cabinet. I gathered the facts from representatives of the Czech democratic parties who were able to escape to the American zone of Germany. For security reasons, their names cannot yet be revealed.

THE AUTHOR

Pavel Tigrid, youthful leader of the Czech Catholic People's Party and editor-in-chief of party newspapers before the Communists seized power, disclosed in the following exclusive dispatch the inside story of the coup. Tigrid left Czechoslovakia legally 24 hours before the border was sealed. His information has been gathered from top political leaders who later escaped and authorised the revelations.

A warrant was issued for Tigrid's arrest on February 23. On February 27 a number of Czech newsmen were expelled by the Journalists' Union and six others were disciplined for, among other reasons, "having associated with Pavel Tigrid."

The following dispatch disclosed for the first time the betrayal of President Edouard Benes by Minister of Defence Gen. Ludvik Sloboda and the role Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Zorin played in forcing a Communist showdown.

In the afternoon of February 25, Gottwald went to the President's castle. During a stormy exchange Dr Benes removed Gottwald, who appeared to be playing Hitler's old role.

Gottwald said: "It—does—not matter whether or not you sign. Tens of thousands of armed workers, militia and police are massed in Vladislavova Street. They just wait for an order to join the others. I assure you with all these men around you will not be able to resist the will of the people."

The President saw all was lost. Gottwald made no secret of the fact that Moscow supported the entire show. Some Czechs now in Germany even maintained that Gottwald actually threatened Dr Benes with direct Soviet intervention.

Gottwald also promised that if Dr Benes approved the Communist cabinet he would assure that the 12 ministers who resigned and dozens of other non-Communist politicians and newspapermen would be safe. Otherwise, he assured Dr Benes, they would be arrested at once.

United Press:

Zorin said in particular that the gas was still flowing when the bodies were found.

The door was broken open by a friend who went to discover why there had been no sign of the women since Saturday.—Reuter.

Four Dead Women Found In House

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Paris, Mar. 9.—When the door to 135 Faubourg du Temple, Paris, was broken open tonight, four dead women were found seated round the dinner table.

They had been dead since Saturday.

The police said the deaths had been caused by gas poisoning from a stove which had apparently been used to heat the after-dinner coffee.

The gas was still flowing when the bodies were found.

The door was broken open by a friend who went to discover why there had been no sign of the women since Saturday.—Reuter.

TASMANIA WINS

Launceston, Tasmania, Mar. 9.—Australia's touring cricketers beat Tasmania in the second of their trial games here today by an innings and 49 runs.

Australia, overnight 223 for four, added only 63 runs for the last six wickets today to fall all out for 288 in reply to Tasmania's first innings of 123.

Tasmania, however, collapsed particularly when Sidney Barnes went on. In 14 balls he took three wickets for one run. Colin McCool captured three wickets for 42.

During the Australian innings, Ivor Clay, a former Victoria player, claimed five wickets for 35 runs.

OUTWARD MAIRS

Clever Show By The YMCA Dramatic Club

The European YMCA Dramatic Club offer a pleasant and mature performance of the popular three-act comedy, "The Middle Watch." Last night's audience in the West Lounge enjoyed themselves immensely.

One danger of a comedy such as this one is for players to parody their roles, but the YMCA cast, while giving full value to the comic situations and the amusing dialogue, skillfully avoids this pitfall.

There are some splendid individual performances, such as Arnold Graham's "Admiral Sir Hercules Hewitt," Joan Hormann Fisher's Mary Carlton, Jim Moodie's Captain Maitland, and Bob Leigh's handling of that choice role, Marine Ogg.

Delightful vignettes come from Macao, Tahitian and Shetki (Sea) 2 p.m. Canton (Train), 3 p.m. Bangkok (Sea) 5 p.m. Macao, Tahitian and Shetki (Sea) 4 p.m. Kowloon (Sea) 5 p.m. Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Closing Times By Air

Canton, Liuchow, Kunming, Anoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Telingto, Peiping, Tainan, Swatow and Foochow, 3.30 p.m.

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Shanghai (Sea) 2 p.m.

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Macao, Tahitian and Shetki (Sea) 10 p.m.

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Macao, Tahitian and Shetki (Sea) 11 p.m.

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